

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the week of November 16-22, 2008, has been elected Geography Awareness Week as part of the National Geographic Society's annual educational outreach program *Geography Action!*, for students grades K through 12; and

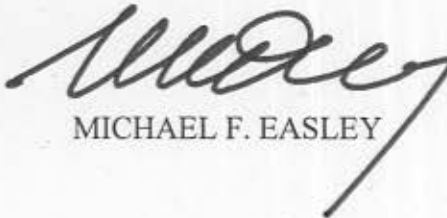
WHEREAS, Geography Awareness Week promotes geographic literacy and education in the nation's schools and communities, which is an essential part of a 21st century education and has been a congressionally-mandated week since 1987; and

WHEREAS, this year's *Geography Action!* theme of Mapping the Americas is the third stop on a five year journey following the migration of humans around the world and will help bring a better understanding of geography to classrooms and communities throughout North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, teachers, students, and communities across North Carolina will gain knowledge about the world's cultures, environments, and contemporary issues, using curriculum developed by the National Geographic Society and activities provided during Geography Awareness Week and throughout the school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 16-22, 2008, as "**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK**" and encourage all citizens to participate in this special observance with students throughout North Carolina sharing in their research and academic achievement.




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.